audit the accounts of political parties and change the legislation to facilitate it; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) The Committee on Electoral Reforms appointed in 1990 had considered a proposal to audit the accounts of ■ political parties but it did not come to any conclusion as there was no unanimity of views amongst the Members of the Committee. The Election Commission has recently sent a proposal that every political party registered with the Commission should publish its accounts annually and such accounts should be audited by agencies specified by the Election Commission.

1688. *[Transferred to the* 17th *March,* 1992]

1689. *[Transferred to the* 18th *March,* 1992]

Setting up of National Court of Appeal

1690. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Court of Appeal to decongest the appex judicial body as suggested by the Supreme Court some times back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government now.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Nomination filed in Punjab Elections

1691. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nomination pa pers field for June, 1991 elections in Punjab and that for in February, 1992 elections together with their break-up party-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many persons were prevented from filing their nomination papers in February, 1992 elections in Punjab;

(c) if so, whether Government have enquired in this matter and fixed responsibility and action taken in this regard; and

(d) number of complaints registered by political parties in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) A statement containing the requisite information is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(b) to (d) Requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.